

TRANSPORTATION

Railroads and Bus Service

Burlington Northern and Union Pacific provide transcontinental rail service and operate three intermodal yards in Seattle. Passenger service to major US destinations is provided by Amtrak. Various bus lines connect Seattle with major cities in the US, Canada, and as far south as Tijuana, Mexico. Seattle is served by a county-wide bus system with a ride-free zone in Seattle's downtown district. The voter-approved Sound Transit plan is in the process of integrating transportation in the Greater Seattle area using light rail, commuter rail from Everett to Seattle to Tacoma and south, over 100 miles of HOV lanes and regional express bus routes.

Harbor Facilities

The Port of Seattle is the sixth largest container port in the United States and one of the top forty in the world. Products valued at \$36 billion cross the Port's docks each year. It is served by 26 regularly scheduled container steamship lines, two major transcontinental railroads, and more than 100 trucking companies that link Seattle to market hubs throughout North America. The Port encompasses more than 450 acres of container-handling space, with 25 container cranes and facilities to handle chilled fruit, vegetables, forest products, automobiles, steel, cruise ships and grain. The expansion of Terminal 18 increased container-handling space to 545 acres in 2001. The Port also owns and operates Seattle-Tacoma International Airport; Fishermen's Terminal and Marine Industrial Center; Shilshole Bay Marina, and Bell Street Pier, an 11-acre complex with an international conference center, marina, cruise ship terminal, shops and restaurants. The new World Trade Center complex, adjacent to the Bell Street Pier, strengthens Seattle's role as a center for international trade.

Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle

The Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle is a partnership of the City of Seattle, the City of Everett, the Port of Seattle, the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, King County, Snohomish County and union leadership created to promote Greater Seattle as one of North America's premier international trade gateways and commercial centers. The Trade Alliance organizes business missions, hosts trade delegations, and provides trade-related information about the region. For further information, call (206) 389-7301 or e-mail tdags@seattlechamber.com or see the Trade Alliance web site at www.seattletradealliance.com.

TOP 10 Trading Partners

2000 exports originated in Washington State, in billions of dollars

Japan	\$4.83	Korea, Republic of	1.92
United Kingdom	3.41	China (Taiwan)	1.55
Canada	3.07	Netherlands	1.37
Germany	2.14	Spain	1.10
China	1.99	France	1.04

Source: Washington State Department of Community, Trade & Economic Development

Top 10 Exports by Industry Sector

2000, Washington origination exports in millions of dollars*

Transportation Equipment	\$20,960	* Does not include service exports such as software, education, architectural services and other industries well represented in the Seattle area.
Agricultural products	2,101	
Industrial machinery, Computer equip.	1,618	
Food and kindred products	1,332	
Electric, electric equip. (Excl. Computer)	1,191	
Paper and allied products	1,117	
Lumber and wood products	1,096	
Instruments and related products	947	
Primary metal industries	655	
Chemical and allied products	538	
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	\$34,016	

Source: Washington State Department of Community, Trade & Economic Development, MISER data

Seattle Sister Cities

With 21 sister cities, Seattle has the second largest sister city program in the US. Listed with date of establishment:

Beer Sheva, Israel (1977)	Mazatlan, Mexico (1979)
Bergen, Norway (1967)	Mombasa, Kenya (1981)
Cebu, Philippines (1991)	Nantes, France (1980)
Chongqing, China (1983)	Pécs, Hungary (1991)
Christchurch, New Zealand (1981)	Perugia, Italy (1991)
Galway, Ireland (1986)	Reykjavik, Iceland (1986)
Gdynia, Poland (1993)	Si Hanoukville, Cambodia (1999)
Haiphong, Vietnam (1996)	Surabaya, Indonesia (1992)
Kaohsiung, Taiwan (1991)	Taejon, South Korea (1989)
Kobe, Japan (1957)	Tashkent, Uzbekistan (1973)
Limbe, Cameroon (1984)	

Distances to Major Cities (air miles)

	Tokyo	Hong Kong	Chicago	New York	London
Seattle	4,785	6,639	1,726	2,406	4,792
San Francisco	5,135	6,957	1,851	2,571	5,355
Los Angeles	5,570	7,343	1,743	2,456	5,443

Source: Port of Seattle, Aviation Division

COMMUNICATIONS

Puget Sound Newspapers

(approximate circulation, 2001)

Seattle Times	225,222 (502,304)	International Examiner*	10,000
Seattle Post-Intelligencer	168,951 (502,304)	Korea Central Daily†	10,000
The Morning News Tribune	129,057 (145,000)	Korea Times	10,000
Seattle Weekly*	105,000	La Voz**†	10,000
The Stranger*	80,000	Northwest Asian Weekly*	10,000
Everett Herald	53,082 (61,433)	NW Vietnamese Weekly*†	10,000
The Sun (Bremerton)	32,899 (37,517)	North American Post†	8,000
Eastside Journal	26,969 (26,740)	Daily Journal of Commerce	5,500
South County Journal	22,628 (23,692)	Seattle Chinese Post**†	5,000
Puget Sound Business Jour.	22,274	The Medium	n/a

() Sunday or weekend edition *Weekly, biweekly, or monthly †Non-English edition

Television and Radio

All major TV networks have affiliates in Seattle. Cable service is available through Viacom Cablevision and AT&T Cable Services.

KOMO-TV 4 (ABC)	KSTW-TV 11(United Paramount)	Approximately 40 AM and FM radio stations provide music, news, and features in the Seattle area.
KING-TV 5 (NBC)	KCPQ-TV 13 (Fox)	
KIRO-TV 7 (CBS)	KTZZ-TV 22 (Warner)	
KCTS-TV 9 (PBS)	Seattle Cable 28 (Municipal channel)	

GOVERNMENT

Foreign Consulate Offices in Seattle

Austria (360) 466-1100	Luxembourg (425) 822-4607
Belgium (206) 728-5145	Malta (425) 788-3120
Bolivia (206) 244-6709	Mexico (206) 448-6819
Cambodia (206) 217-0830	The Netherlands (206) 254-4469
Canada* (206) 443-1777	New Zealand (360) 766-6791
Chile (360) 754-8747	Norway (206) 623-3957
Cyprus (425) 827-1700	Peru (206) 714-9037
Denmark (206) 230-0888	Russian Federation* (206) 728-1910
Estonia (206) 467-1444	Seychelles (253) 838-2500
Finland (425) 451-3983	Spain (425) 237-9373
France (206) 443-4703	Sweden (206) 622-5640
Hungary (425) 739-0631	Switzerland (425) 222-3574
Iceland (206) 783-4100	United Kingdom (206) 622-9255
Jamaica (253) 872-8950	Uruguay (206) 223-7000
Japan* (206) 682-9107	Taipei Econ./Cultural Office
Republic of Korea* (206) 441-1011	(206) 441-4586
Lithuania (206) 725-4576	*Consulate General
Consular Assoc. of Washington: (206) 728-5145 (Belgian Consul)	

Selected US Government Agencies with Offices in Seattle

Department of Agriculture	Environmental Protection Agency
Customs Service	Food and Drug Administration
Federal Reserve Bank	Small Business Administration
Internal Revenue Service	Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of Energy	Department of Commerce
(Bonneville Power Administration)	(Census Bureau, Economic Develop. Admin.)
Department of Transportation	Export Assistance International Trade Admin.
(Coast Guard, Federal Aviation Admin.	Passport Agency (US Dept. of State)

King County

The County Executive is elected at large for four-year terms. Elections for the 13-member County Council are by district for overlapping four-year terms. The County manages the region's wastewater and public transportation systems.

Port of Seattle

The Port has five commissioners elected at large in King County for four-year overlapping terms. The Port manages the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Seattle marine facilities, and Fishermen's Terminal.

City of Seattle

The Mayor and a nine-member City Council are elected at large for four-year terms. Offices are non-partisan. City Council terms are overlapping with elections held every odd-numbered year.

Mayor:	Next Election	Next Election
Gregory J. Nickels	2005	
City Council:		
Jim Compton	2003	Judy Nicastro 2003
Richard Conlin	2005	Margaret Pageler 2003
Jan Drago	2005	Peter Steinbrueck 2003
Nick Licata	2005	Heidi Wills 2003
Richard McIver	2005	

City Bond Rating

Moody's Investors Service upgraded Seattle's bond rating in 1998 from Aa-1 to Aaa, making Seattle one of only 10 cities in the country to claim an Aaa bond rating. The upgrade reflected confidence in the city's economic condition and increasing economic diversity.

City Budget Summary (Fiscal year 2001)

Revenue	
Taxes	637,937,000
Interfund service charges	154,784,000
External service charges*	829,400,000
Intergovernmental revenue	125,982,000
Licenses and permits	35,503,000
Fines and forfeitures	19,297,000
Other financing sources	515,751,000
Miscellaneous revenues	96,620,000
TOTAL:	\$2,415,275,000
Appropriations	
Utilities and transportation	\$1,332,753,000
Public safety	301,353,000
Health, human services, and recreation	264,454,000
General government and administration	238,176,000
Development, neighborhoods, planning	66,288,000
Other	212,249,000
TOTAL:	\$2,413,295,000

Source: City of Seattle, City Budget Office *Includes utility revenue

FURTHER INFORMATION

(Telephone numbers area code 206 unless otherwise noted)

City of Seattle: (www.cityofseattle.net)

Mayor's Office.	(206) 684-4000
Office of Economic Development	(206) 684-8090
Public Library, Business and Technology	(206) 386-4645
City Light/Seattle Public Utilities	(206) 625-3000
Film and Tourism Director	(206) 684-5030
Citizens Service Bureau (Information Complaints).	(206) 684-8811

Population Demographics web page:

<http://cityofseattle.net/planning/cnp/demog/demog.htm>

Central Puget Sound Economic

Development District (www.cpsedd.org) (206) 623-2744

Greater Seattle Chamber

of Commerce (www.seattlechamber.org) (206) 389-7200

King County Economic

Development Office (www.metrokc.gov/exec/orpp#ed) . . (206) 205-0700

Port of Seattle (www.portseattle.org) (206) 728-3000

Puget Sound Regional Council Library (www.psrc.org) . . . (206) 464-7532

Sea-King Association of Realtors (www.nwrealtor.com) . . . (425) 820-3277

Seattle-King County Convention

and Visitors Bureau (www.seeseattle.org) (206) 461-5840

Seattle/King County Economic

Development Council (www.edc-sea.org) (206) 389-8650

Small Business Administration

Information Center (www.sba.gov). (206) 553-7311

State of Washington, Department of Community, Trade and

Economic Development (www.trade.wa.gov). (206) 956-3131

Trade Development Alliance of

Greater Seattle (www.cityofseattle.net) (206) 389-7301

US Export Assistance Center (www.seattleuseac.org) (206) 553-5615

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THE GREATER



DATASHEET



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City of Seattle • Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor



2002

LOCATION

Founded in 1869, the City of Seattle is located in the State of Washington on Puget Sound, 113 miles (182 km) from the U.S.-Canadian border. Seattle is a commercial, cultural and advanced technology hub of the U.S. Pacific Northwest and a major port city for trans-Pacific and European trade. Surrounded by mountains and water, the greater Seattle area features picture-perfect views and abundant recreational opportunities year-round.

Latitude: 47° 39' North Longitude: 122° 17' West

City Profile

Land Area: 84 sq mi (217 sq km)

Population, 2000: 563,374

Population density: 6,736 people per sq mi (2,600 per sq km)



Population by Race and Ethnic Identification

2000 Census data

Race/ Ethnic group	Seattle	King County	Wash. State
White	394,889 (70.1%)	1,315,507 (75.7%)	4,821,823 (81.8%)
Black/African American	47,541 (8.4%)	93,875 (5.4%)	190,267 (3.2%)
American Indian & Alaska Native	5,659 (1.6%)	17,305 (1.15%)	81,483 (1.67%)
American Indian	3,141	9,921	70,646
Alaska Native	967	2,292	6,621
Other	1,551	3,709	16,034

Asian	73,910 (13.1%)	187,745 (10.8%)	322,335 (5.5%)
Asian Indian	2,843	15,287	23,992
Chinese	19,415	45,018	59,914
Filipino	15,867	33,714	65,373
Japanese	8,979	21,455	35,985
Korean	4,863	20,005	46,880
Vietnamese	11,943	27,484	46,149
Other Asian	10,000	24,242	44,042

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	2,804 (0.5%)	9,013 (0.5%)	23,953 (0.4%)
Native Hawaiian	409	1,506	4,883
Guamanian or Chamorro	364	1,028	5,823
Samoa	1,391	4,182	8,049
Other Pacific Islander	640	2,297	5,198

Other race	13,423 (2.5%)	44,473 (2.6%)	228,923 (3.9%)
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Two or more races	25,148 (4.5%)	70,499 (4.1%)	213,519 (3.6%)
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TOTAL population:	563,374	1,737,034	5,894,121
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Hispanic/Latino*	29,719 (5.3%)	95,242 (5.5%)	441,509 (7.5%)
Mexican	17,886	62,369	329,934
Puerto Rican	1,466	4,214	16,140
Cuban	759	1,792	4,501
Other Hispanic or Latino	9,608	26,867	90,934

*Hispanics may be of any race.

*King, Snohomish, Pierce and Kitsap counties.

**Washington, Oregon and British Columbia (Canada)

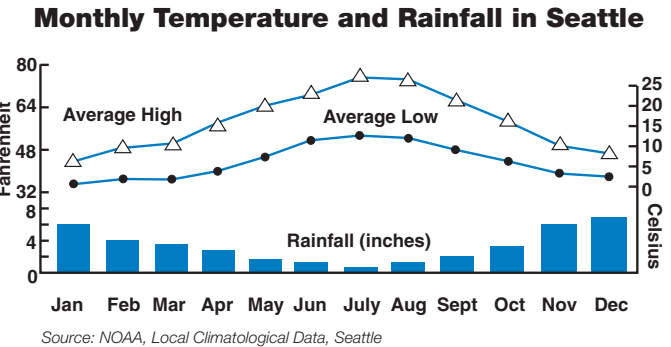
QUALITY OF LIFE

Greater Seattle excels in livability with a mild climate, affordable housing, a full range of arts, cultural and sporting events, an abundance of shops and restaurants, and easy access to outdoor recreational activities throughout the year.

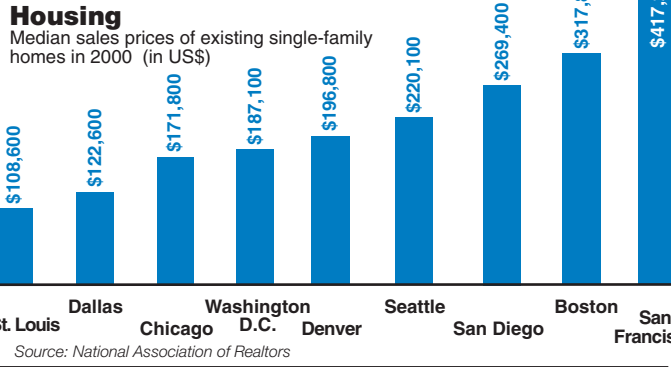
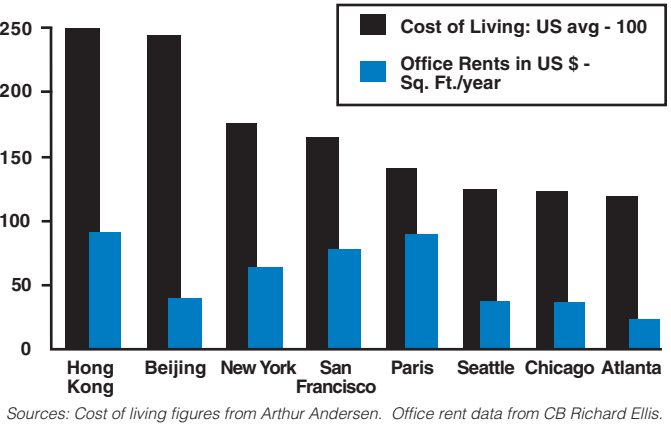
Climate

Seattle's mild winters and cool summers enable year-round outdoor activities. High temperatures in July average about 75° F (24° C), while low temperatures in winter drop below freezing an average of only 15 days per year. Average yearly rainfall in Seattle is 36.2 inches (92 cm), compared to 19.5 inches (50 cm) in San Francisco, 34.5 inches (88 cm) in Chicago, 39 inches (99 cm) in Washington, D.C. and 40.3 inches (102 cm) in New York City.

Cost of Living Index



Cost of Living/Office Rents Index, January 2000



Rentals

Average monthly apartment rental costs in King County, Spring 2001

Unit Type	Monthly Rent
Studio	\$634
One-bedroom	\$742
Two-bedroom/Two-bath	\$995

Source: Dupre + Scott

Median Family Income

Metropolitan Seattle			
1995	\$51,500	1999	\$62,500
1997	\$55,100	2001	\$72,200

Source: Housing and Urban Development Regional Office

EDUCATION

Persons over 25, a comparison of major US cities; percentage completing:

	High school	BA or higher
Seattle	93%	36%
San Francisco	87%	40%
Washington D.C.	90%	42%
Atlanta	89%	31%
New York	78%	33%
Chicago	85%	31%
Miami	75%	23%
Detroit	85%	26%

Source: US Census Bureau, "Educational Attainment in the United States, March, 2000."

Public and Private Schools

Total enrollment in Seattle public schools as of October 1, 2000, is 46,697. There are more than 300 private and parochial schools in Seattle

Major Universities and Colleges

	Number of Students	Internet Home Page
University of Washington (public)	36,139	www.washington.edu
Seattle University (private)	5,851	www.seattleu.edu
Seattle Pacific University (private)	3,491	www.spu.edu
Community colleges, three campuses (public)	25,795	www.sccd.ctc.edu
Art Institute of Seattle	2,255	www.ais.edu
Cornish College of the Arts	702	www.cornish.edu

Major research facilities include the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, the Battelle Memorial Institute, and the Washington Technology Center.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Health Care

The greater Seattle area is the health care center of the Pacific Northwest. There are 26 general-acute and 4 special purpose hospitals, more than 4,500 beds, and approximately 3,000 physicians. Leading institutions include Swedish Hospital, University of Washington Hospital and School of Medicine, Harborview Medical Center, Providence Hospital, Group Health Cooperative Hospital, Virginia Mason Medical Center, Northwest Hospital, Valley General Hospital, and Children's Hospital. Among other important institutions is the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Heart attack survival rates for Medic One patients are 30% for those treated by automatic defibrillator and 19% by standard response, which are higher rates than in any other city of comparable size.

Religion

All major religions are represented in the greater Seattle area. In addition to various Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox churches, there are numerous Jewish synagogues and Buddhist temples, as well as two Islamic mosques.

Cultural and Recreational Facilities

Cultural		Recreational	
Museums	14	Parks	50 urban/20 rural
Historical sites	28	Beaches	12
Community centers	24	Golf courses	5
Public libraries	25	Tennis courts	151
Performing arts centers	27	Swimming pools	10
		Playing fields	38
		Athletic clubs	42
		Maintained trails	5

ECONOMY

The greater Seattle area is a leading center for advanced technology in aerospace, computer software, bioinformatics, genomics, telemedicine, electronics, medical equipment, and environmental engineering. The region's single most important employer is Boeing, which is the largest

aircraft manufacturer in the world and consistently one of the top three exporters in the United States.

The payroll for the region's 23,500 software workers was \$6.77 billion (including stock options), or an average wage of \$287,700. Microsoft, the world's leading personal computer software company, is one of 2,500 software development firms in the state. Bio and medical technology generate \$2 billion annually in the state's economy and directly account for 15,800 jobs in 170 companies and non-profit organizations. By the year 2005, biotechnology and medical technology are projected to employ 26,000 people, account for more than \$2 billion in R & D expenditures and generate revenues of approximately \$5 billion annually in the state's economy. Other major industries include wood products, transportation equipment, food products, fish-processing, and apparel design.

Seattle has been ranked as one of the best U.S. cities in which to locate a business according to several recent surveys. Key factors are Seattle's skilled work force, manufacturing capability, education and research, quality transportation and infrastructure, access to international and domestic markets, and government accessibility. Other important factors are cultural diversity, an international perspective, and quality of life. (See also International Commerce, below.)

For further information call the City of Seattle's Office of Economic Development, (206) 684-8090

Cascadia Region

Seattle lies near the center of a 400 mile corridor with 8 million residents stretching from Eugene, Oregon to Vancouver BC. This region accounts for more than \$250 billion in annual economic output and if ranked as a nation-state would be the 10th largest economy in the world. State and local governments in the Cascadia region have agreed to cooperate in areas such as transportation planning, trade and tourism promotion, border crossing improvements, economic development, natural resource management and special events.

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Total Employment and Projections

Year	Seattle	King County	Greater Seattle Area
1970	310,286	466,592	740,927
1980	386,684	697,401	1,033,407
1990	469,802	972,567	1,445,243
2000 (est.)	527,393	1,180,564	1,804,503
2010 (est.)	608,113	1,353,664	2,075,592

Source: Puget Sound Regional Council

US Military

The Defense Department is one of the largest employers in the Puget Sound region. Major facilities include Fort Lewis Army Base, the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Bangor Naval Submarine Base, McChord Air Force Base, and Naval Station Everett.

Employment by Economic Sector

Non-agricultural wage and salary workers employed in the Greater Seattle area (King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties) in 2000

Sector	No. Employed	% Total
Manufacturing	225,690	13.1%
DURABLE GOODS	170,340	9.9%
Transportation, including aircraft	93,250	5.4%
Industrial machinery and equipment	14,850	0.9%
Lumber and wood products	12,650	0.7%
Instruments	11,850	0.7%
Electronics/electrical equipment	11,750	0.7%
Other durable goods	25,990	1.5%
NON-DURABLE GOODS	55,150	3.2%
Food and kindred products	17,190	1.0%
Printing and publishing	16,600	1.0%
Textiles, apparel, and leather	5,690	0.3%
Paper products/allied products	4,880	0.3%
Other non-durable goods	10,510	0.6%

Sector	No. Employed	% Total
Non-Manufacturing	1,499,780	86.9%
Services	524,790	30.4%
Wholesale/retail trade	408,480	23.7%
Government	262,300	15.2%
Construction	103,380	6.0%
Transportation/public utilities	100,050	5.8%
Finance, insurance, real estate	98,980	5.7%
Total Employment	1,725,470	100.0%

Source: Adapted by Central Puget Sound Economic Development District from Washington State Employment Security, Labor Market and Economic Analysis Branch, LABOR AREA SUMMARIES

INDUSTRY and BUSINESS

Greater Seattle's Top 15 Public Companies
(ranked by 2000 revenues, figures in thousands)

Company	2000 Revenues	Type of Business & Internet Home Page
Boeing	\$51,321,000	Aerospace manufacturer – www.boeing.com
Costco	32,164,000	Membership warehouses – www.costco.com
Microsoft	23,000,000	Software developer – www.microsoft.com
Weyerhaeuser	15,980,000	Pulp/paper products – www.weyerhaeuser.com
Washington Mutual	15,760,000	Bank – www.wamu.com
Paccar	7,919,000	Heavy-duty truck manufacturer – www.paccar.com
Safeco	7,118,000	Insurance/financial services – www.safeco.com
Nordstrom	5,528,500	Apparel retailer – www.nordstrom.com
Puget Sound Energy	3,441,700	Electric and natural gas utility – www.pse.com
Airborne Freight	3,276,000	Express delivery – www.airborne.com
Alaska Air Group	2,177,200	Holding co./Alaska & Horizon Air – www.alaska-air.com
Starbucks	2,169,200	Coffee company – www.starbucks.com
VoiceStream Wireless	1,922,700	National wireless network – www.voicestream.com
Expeditors Int'l of WA	1,700,000	International freight forwarding – www.expd.com
AT&T Wireless Group	1,044,800	Digital wireless network – www.attws.com
Labor Ready	976,600	Temporary employment services – www.laborready.com

Source: Puget Sound Business Journal

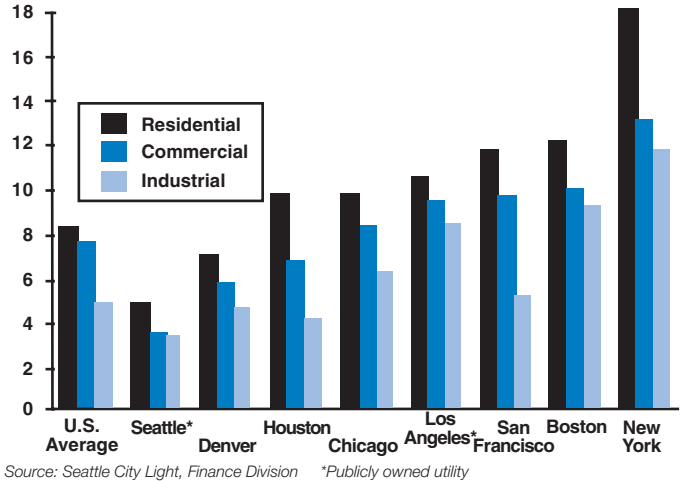
Downtown Seattle Office Space 1st Qtr, 2000

General Occupancy	Square Feet	Vacancy Rate	Asking Rate (persq.ft)
Newest Class A	24,400,000	5.6 %	\$ 37.37
Major Older Class B	5,600,000	4.9 %	25.50
Older Class C	2,200,000	11.8 %	20.50

Source: CB Richard Ellis

Electricity Rates Comparison

(2000 Residential rates for cities, 1998 for all other)
Average residential, commercial and industrial electrical rates among major US cities; Figures in cents per kilowatt hour.



Water

Service is provided by the City of Seattle. Pressure range minimum is 30 psi and maximum is 100 psi. Commercial/industrial monthly rate for 3/4"-4" meter is \$3.90-\$59.10. Charge for water usage is as follows:
Off-peak season (September-May) \$ 1.24/100 cu ft
Peak season (June-August) 2.25/100 cu ft

Sanitary Sewer

Service is provided by King County's treatment plant and billed through the individual cities. The commercial/industrial rate in Seattle is \$4.49/100 cu ft.

Natural Gas

Puget Sound Energy supplies Seattle and King County with natural gas. The basic monthly commercial/industrial rate for general service is \$9.90 plus \$0.90742 per therm.

City of Seattle Tax Rates, 2001

Property Tax	(average rate per \$1,000 of assessed value)
State school fund	\$ 3.15
City	3.94
County	1.61
School District	2.62
Port	0.19
Total	\$11.51 per \$1,000 assessed value, collected by King County

General Business Occupation Tax (%)	City	State
Retailing	.2150	.471
Retailing of interstate transportation equipment	.2150	.484
Manufacturing - Fresh fruits and vegetables	.2150	.138
Manufacturing - Other (including aluminum)	.2150	.484
Wholesaling	.2150	.484
Service and other activities	.4150	1.500
Insurance agents/brokers	.4150	.484
Travel Agents	.4150	.275

Retail Sales Tax of 8.8%, apportioned as follows:

State of Washington	6.50%
City of Seattle	0.85%
Metro	0.80%
Sound Transit	0.40%
King County	0.15%
King County criminal justice levy	0.10%
Restaurants in King County have a retail sales tax of 9.3%. This is due to an additional 0.5% tax which will help fund Safeco Field, the new Seattle Mariners' baseball stadium.	

Source: City Budget Office, City of Seattle

TOURISM and CONFERENCE CENTERS

Tourism is Washington State's fourth largest industry. The Norwegian Cruise Line has added Seattle as a home port and the Washington State Convention and Trade Center completed a major expansion in 2001. Seattle Center (site of the 1962 World's Fair) and local hotels have gained a reputation as exciting venues for conferences and conventions. Other major facilities include the Bell Harbor International Conference Center, a new Stadium Exhibition Center and the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. For tourist information see www.seeseattle.org or call the Seattle-King County Convention and Visitors Bureau, (206) 461-5840, or Administration and Sales (206) 461-5800.

Hotels

There are 4,415 hotel rooms in downtown Seattle and 27,901 hotel rooms in the Seattle-King County area. See www.seeseattle.org for hotel listings, or call the Seattle Hotel Hotline (800) 535-7071.

Restaurants

Cuisine in the Seattle area is famous for fresh seafood, local farm produce, and other Northwest specialties. The area's cultural diversity has produced a wide variety of ethnic restaurants. There are more than 2,200 restaurants in Greater Seattle. For more information, see www.seattle.sidewalk.com.

Major Attractions

Among the most popular urban attractions are the Seattle Center and the Space Needle, Pike Place Market, the Hiram Chittenden Locks, Woodland Park Zoo, Tillicum Indian Village, Seattle Aquarium, waterfront, lakeside and sound beaches, Pioneer Square, International District, and local wineries and breweries. Outdoor activities include boating, fishing, golf, water sports, hiking, biking, mountain climbing, and skiing. Seattle is situated on the shores of two large lakes and Puget Sound, with remote wilderness less than an hour away, and is flanked by two major mountain ranges (Olympics and Cascades), with Mount Rainier in full view. Nearby are the San Juan Islands, Pacific Ocean beaches, and major rivers. See www.seeseattle.org for more information.

Arts, Festivals and Sports Events

Seattle is home to the nation's 7th largest population of artists, supported in part by an innovative public arts funding program (see http://www.cityofseattle.net/arts/). The arts scene includes the Seattle Symphony, now in the world class Benaroya Hall, Seattle Opera and the Pacific Northwest Ballet, numerous art galleries, the Seattle Art Museum and the Seattle Asian Art Museum, along with the Experience Music Project rock and roll museum, which opened in June 2000. Seattle is rich in theater arts with 80 companies, 13 of which are professional. The city and surrounding region are a major attraction for the TV/film industry, and support an annual, world-famous international film festival. Other festival celebrations include SEAFAIR, Northwest Folklife, multi-arts Bumbershoot, International Children's Theater Festival, the Bite of Seattle food festival and Northwest Bookfest. Seattle hosts large-scale musical concerts and has gained international attention as the place of origin of many trend-setting rock and pop groups.

Professional Sports

Seattle is home to Seahawks football, Mariners baseball at Safeco Field, SuperSonics basketball at Key Arena, Seattle Sounders soccer and the WNBA's Seattle Storm (professional women's basketball). A new football/soccer stadium will open in 2002.

Economic Impact of Travel

Seattle-King County	Washington State*
Travel-generated employment	58,650 150,280
Estimated out-of-state visitors	27.0 million 42.5 million
Travel expenditures	\$ 5.28 billion \$ 9.88 billion
Travel-generated payroll	\$ 1.42 billion \$ 2.47 billion
State tax receipts	\$220.00 million \$518.30 million
Local tax receipts	\$118.80 million \$188.10 million

Source: Report prepared by Dean Runyan Assn. for Washington State DCTED
*Includes Seattle-King County statistics